

# *"Happenings"*

## **\*\*Mark Your Calendar\*\***

The Missouri Department of Mental Health presents the "Spring Training Institute" to be held:  
May 18-20, 2005 and

The "National Autism Symposium" to be held:  
May 19-21, 2005.

Both conferences will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks.

For more information about the Spring Training Institute, please call: 573-751-4942

For more information about the Autism Symposium, please call: 573-751-4054.

## **Children's Vision Summit "Vision for the Future"**

April 12 & 13, 2005

Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

A FREE seminar for Parents, Classroom Teachers, Teachers of the Visually Impaired, Students and others interested in the education of children who are blind or visually impaired.

The purpose of this seminar is to provide information to those in daily contact with blind or visually impaired children, identify available resources and equipment to serve them and help parents and teachers understand that their children can live independently and achieve academic and vocational success. The seminar will provide both basic concepts and information for those experiencing vision loss and for those parents, classroom teachers and professionals who are directly involved in the education of students who are blind/visually impaired. In addition, more advanced information will be provided for individuals who are already familiar with this field.

For more information, contact:  
Mike Merrick at (573) 751-4989 or  
[Michael.L.Merrick@dss.mo.gov](mailto:Michael.L.Merrick@dss.mo.gov)

## **--FREE -- FREE -- FREE Computer Use--**

Remember ... The Rolla Regional Center has a computer available for public use. The computer is available to individuals with developmental disabilities and the general public Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm.

The computer provides free access to the Internet, has a large track ball mouse, Intellikeys adaptive keyboard, speakers, printer, Microsoft package software, Write Outloud, Co-Writer, Mayer Johnson's Board Maker, headphones, and a variety of "Living Books" and interactive software.

If you are interested in using the computer, please call the Rolla Regional Center at:  
573-368-2200.

Do you find it difficult to keep up with the sometimes fast paced changes within the legislative system? Would you like to know when hearings/testimonies are scheduled? You would like to track information related to disabilities?

If so, contact the Missouri Governor's Council on Disabilities at 1-800-877-8249 or visit their website at:  
<http://www.gcd.oa.mo.gov/legislation/updates.shtml>  
Updates are posted every Friday during the legislative session.

## **~ SAVE THIS DATE ~**

Attention advocates – families – parents – caregivers, etc... Save this date and plan to attend the  
**Disability Rights Legislative Day**  
on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the Capitol in Jefferson City. A pre-workshop is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am; march around the Capitol to begin at 1:00 pm; Rally at 1:30 pm; and meet with legislators at 3:00 pm.  
For more information, please call:  
1-800-558-8652.

## **\*\* Power Up 2005 \*\***

The Missouri Assistive Technology Project is once again sponsoring the "Power-Up" conference. This year's conference will be held at Tan-Tar-A resort at Lake of the Ozarks on **April 18 & 19, 2005**. Who should attend? People who use Assistive Technology, Educators, Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Independent Living Specialists, Service Coordinators, Rehabilitation Professionals, Information Technology & Media Specialists, Service Providers, and anyone interested in assistive technology.

Early registration discount by: March 4, 2005.

Deadline for All registrations: March 30, 2005.

For more information, please contact Brenda Whitlock at: 816-373-5193 or e-mail: [bwhitlock@swbell.net](mailto:bwhitlock@swbell.net) or visit the Missouri Assistive Technology's website at: [www.at.mo.gov](http://www.at.mo.gov) and click on "Conference & Training."

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